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St. James's, May 11.

HIS Majesty having granted his Royal Licenſe under the Great Seal of Great Britain, to the preſent Convocation of the Province of Canterbury, was pleaſed to ſend therewith the following Letter to his Grace the Lord Archbiſhop of Canterbury, Preſident of the ſaid Convocation.

GEORGE R.

MOST Reverend Father in God our Right Truſty and Right Entirely Beloved Counſellor, we Greet you well. Whereas by our Royal Licenſe to the preſent Convocation of the Province of Canterbury, we have among other things empowered and authoriſed them to confer, treat debate, conſider, conſult and agree of and upon ſuch Points, Matters, Cauſes and Things as we from time to time ſhould deliver or cauſe to be delivered to you in Writing under our Sign Manual or Privy Signet, to be debated, conſidered, conſulted and agreed upon we do accordingly hereby tranſmit unto you the Heads of ſuch Matters as we think proper for the Conſideration of the ſaid Convocation, which are as follows:

The regulating Proceedings in Excommunication and Commutation of Penance.

The making Proviſion for preſerving and tranſmitting more exact Terriers and Accounts of Glebes, Tythes and other Poſſeſſions and Profits belonging to Benefices

The regulating Licenſes for Matrimony, according to the Canon, in order to the more effectual Prevention of clandeſtine Marriages.

The preparing a Form for conſecrating Churches and Chappels.

The better ſettling the Qualifications, Titles and Teſtimonials of Perſons who offer themſelves for holy Orders.

The making the 75th Canon relating to the Sober Converſation required in Miniſters more effectual.

The making the 47th Canon which provides for Curates where Miniſters are lawfully abſent from their Benefices more effectual, as likewiſe the 48th Canon touching the licenſing of ſuch Curates.

Rules for the better inſtructing and preparing young Perſons for Confirmation required by the 61ſt Canon, and for the more orderly Performance of that Office.

All which Points, Matters, and Things we do hereby direct to be debated, conſidered, and treated by the ſaid Convocation purſuant to our Licenſe aforeſaid, that when they ſhall be agreed on, they may be laid before us for our Royal Conſideration: And ſo we bid you very heartily farewell. Given at our Court at St. James's *the fifth Day of* May, *1715, in the Firſt Year of our Reign.*

By His Majeſty's Command,

Townſhend.

Superſcribed, To the moſt Reverend Father in God, our Right Truſty and Right Entirely Beloved Counſellor, *Thomas* Lord Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*, Primate of all *England*, and Metropolitan and Preſident of the Convocation of the Province of *Canterbury*.

GEORE R.

WHEREAS it hath been repreſented unto Us, that many and great Inconveniencies have riſen amongſt our Forces for want of an exact Regiſter of the Dates of all Officers Commiſſions, by Vertue whereof they have, or may take Rank in our Army; our Will and Pleaſure is, That the Officers of our Army whereſoever now employed (whoſe Commiſſions are not already Regiſtred) do enter the ſame with our Secretary at War, and with our Commiſſary General of the Muſters, in the ſpace of ſix Months from the Date hereof, purſuant to the 41ſt Article of War, which requires that all Commiſſions granted by Us, Our Captain-General, or Commander in Chief of Our Forces to any Officers in Pay, ſhall be brought to the Commiſſary of the Muſters, and Secretary at War, who are to Receive and Enter the ſame in a Book fairly written; and that no Commiſſion-Officer ſhall be allowed in Muſter without a Commiſſion from Us, or the Commander in Chief for the Time being, and the ſame entered with the Commiſſary-General of the Muſters, or his Deputies, and Secretary at War, and ſuch Officers who have now Commiſſions in our Army, and do not enter the ſame as aforeſaid, ſhall for ſuch neglect loſe the Benefit of ſuch Rank as they may be entitled to by vertue of their reſpective Commiſſions; and all Officers who are now Abroad in our Service, are to tranſmit to our ſaid Secretary at War, and our ſaid Commiſſary General, Authentick Certificates of the Dates of their Commiſſions, ſigned by the Commander in Chief under whom they ſerve, or by any of our Deputy Commiſſaries of the Muſters and our Secretary at War, our Commiſſary General, and all the Officers now in our Army, are required to take Notice hereof and govern themſelves accordingly. Given at our Court at St. *James's* this 9th Day of *February*, 1714-15. In the Firſt Year of Our Reign.

By His Majeſty's Command,

Wm. Pulteney.

Weſtminſter, May 11. His Majeſty came this Day to the Houſe of Peers; and being in His Royal Robes ſeated on the Throne, with the uſual Solemnity, Sir William Oldes, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod, was ſent with a Meſſage from His Majeſty to the Houſe of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the Houſe of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majeſty was pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to

An Act for granting an Aid to His Majeſty to be raiſed by a Land-Tax in Great Britain, *for the Service of the Year One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifteen.*

And to two Private Bills.

The following Addreſs has been preſented to his Majeſty.

An humble Addreſs of the Juſtices of the Peace, High-Sheriff, Grand-Jury, and other Gentlemen met at the General Quarter Seſſions held at Ilcheſter in the County of Somerſet the 26th Day of April, was preſented to his Majeſty by John Hopkins and William Bellamy, Eſqrs; Members of Parliament for the Borough of Ilcheſter, introduced by the Right Honourable James Stanhope, Eſq; one of his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Which Addreſs his Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

Naples, April 16. We have an Account from Sicily by the way of Reggio, that the Regular Clergy there make great Diſturbances, being divided among themſelves about the Obſervation of the Pope's Interdict; while the Seculars and the People oppoſe the Reception of the Bull, by which the Holy See has pretended to ſuppreſs and annul the Tribunal of the Sicilian Monarchy.

Rome, April 23. Among the Ceremonies obſerved here in the Holy Week, the Pope gave a Dinner on the 15th to 12 poor Sicilian Prieſts, ſerved them at Table himſelf, and afterwards gave each of them two Silver Medals; on the 16th and 17th a like Number had the like Entertainment, in recompence of their Zeal for maintaining the Eccleſiaſtical Immunity: Thoſe of the Dioceſs of Girgento were choſen for this Function preferably to the other Eccleſiaſticks, who have been forced to leave that Kingdom for their Adherence to the Intereſts of this Court, becauſe the firſt Conteſts which gave occaſion for fulminating the Cenſures of the Church, began in that City. On the following Days the Eccleſiaſticks of Palermo, Lipari and Catania, were in like manner treated and ſerved by the Pope, and by the Cardinals and Prelates.

Turin, May 1. The 27th paſt being the Birth-Day of the Prince Royal, who then entred into his 15th Year, was celebrated at Court according to Cuſtom. The Prince of

Carignan